



PATENT
02581-P0588B WWW/MWK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Joseph H. Sklar
Serial No. 09/612,055	Filing Date: July 7, 2000
Title of Application:	Ligament Shim
Confirmation No. 6809	Art Unit: 3732
Examiner	Melba N. Bumgarner

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT
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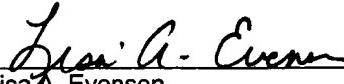
*Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])*

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on June 2, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$980.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

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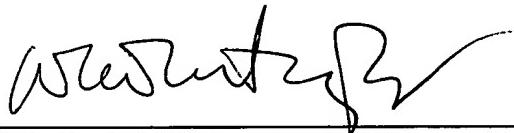
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Time Extension Request

4. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$1770.00, of which \$980 is intended to cover this Petition for Time Extension. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



November 12, 2004

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Transmittal of Additional Drawings

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant submits herewith two (2) sheets of formal drawings with regard to the subject application.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2003**

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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ 1770)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Other None
 Deposit Account: order

Deposit Account Number
19-4516

Deposit Account Name
St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fees(s) during the pendency of this application
 Charge fees(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1101	790	2001	395	Utility filing fee	
1002	350	2202	175	Design filing fee	
1003	550	2003	275	Plant filing fee	
1004	790	2004	395	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					980

2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-20**	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3**=	X	=	
Multiple Dependent		X		

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1201	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204	88	2204	44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)				

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES		Fee Description		Fee Paid
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing for or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte reexamination</i>
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal
1402	340	2402	170	Filing brief in support of an appeal
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per owner (times number of properties)
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)				
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)				1770

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SUBMITTED BY		St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC	Complete (if applicable)	
Name (Print/Type)	Signature	Registration No (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone	Date
Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr.		33,558	203 324-6155	11/12/2004

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